

THE SWEATING SYSTEM.

The White Slaves of New York Should Soon be Free.

THE TENEMENT HOUSE FACTORIES

And their Horrors—New York's Governor has a Bill in his Hands to Abolish the Iniquity—Dramatic Opposite Views of Two Typical Manufacturers.

New York, April 26.—On the eve of the adjournment of the legislature General Husted, the Republican member from Westchester, obtained the passage by the assembly, under suspension of the rules, of the Roesch bill abolishing the sweating system in New York. Few indeed are the people outside the workers themselves who realize the significance of the words "the sweating system." There are in New York today 40,000 refugees from Russia and Poland, all settled in one section of the East Side, and working under petty contractors at their different trades. For years these fields of labor have been overcrowded, but no word of warning has been powerful enough to keep these unhappy creatures at home. The result of this overmigration has given the contractors ample power to drive these unfortunates as long and as hard as they can work. Of the 40,000 above referred to, 16,000 are employed at clock-making and 24,000 in making clothes. Of these workers there are two classes—those employed in the factories and known as "insiders" and those hired by petty contractors and better known as "sweaters."

"INSIDERS" AND "SWEATERS."

Those of the first class are by far the better off. They have fair homes and average about \$18 a week for men and \$10 for women. There is hardly any comparison between them and the unfortunate sweaters. In the ordinary season they work at the lowest twelve hours per day for nominal wages of \$10 per week. These wages are conditional upon their furnishing an almost impossible number of garments, and rarely do the workmen receive more than \$8. Under the contractor the busy season lasts only through six months; consequently out of these wages they are compelled to save enough to carry them through the dull times.

Think of a tenement apartment in Chrystie street of two rooms, a small kitchen and a sleeping room, both of them together hardly comfortable for three persons, yet occupied by forty men and women huddled together and working in every possible inch of space from daylight until late at night. The stuffy quarters are bad enough in winter, but when the summer comes the lack of ventilation, the heat outside and the hot irons of the pressers make it almost impossible to breathe.

THE DAWN OF BETTER DAYS.

But now a hope for better things has come to them. For years organized labor has worked to secure some change in the present laws which will lessen, if it does not eradicate, the evil. At last a bill was introduced into the legislature by Senator George Roesch, of this city, which has passed the assembly and is now in the governor's hands for signature. The bill is known as the factory inspectors bill, but the most important clause to labor is the following: "No room or rooms, apartment or apartments, in any tenement or dwelling-house shall be used for the manufacture of coats, vests, trousers, knee pants, overalls, cloaks, fur, fur trimmings, fur garments, shirts, purses, feathers, artificial flowers, or cigars, excepting by the immediate members of the family living therein."

"No person, firm or corporation shall hire or employ any person to work in any one room or rooms, apartment or apartments, in any tenement or dwelling-house" without first obtaining a written permit from the factory inspector, which permit may be revoked at any time. The maximum number of persons allowed to be employed therein shall be stated in such permit and it shall be framed and posted in a conspicuous place in the room or in one of the rooms to which it relates.

VIEW OF A MANUFACTURER.

In an interview with Mr. Meyer Jonasson, of Meyer Jonasson & Co., No. 353 Broadway, one of the largest cloak manufacturers in the country, he was asked what would be the probable effect of the bill. "I am sure the bill will do great good," he said, "for it must do away with some of the evils that now exist, and will give more regularity to the lives of the workmen. In my own case I have tried the contract plan thoroughly. Two years ago I gave it up, and since that time I have employed my own men in my own factory. Now they only work from eight in the morning until six at night, and they have an hour for their dinner. I find that with these hours I can get better work out of my people than when, after working sixteen or eighteen hours a day, they start the next morning already too tired to do good work."

"I hope the bill will become a law, not only for the good it will do the workers, but if it is carried out the garments will be healthier and better in every way."

THINKS THE BILL WILL DO NO GOOD.

Most of the houses in the trade use the contract system, either wholly or in part. Mr. Albert Friedlander is the head of A. Friedlander & Co., No. 377 Broadway. When he was asked a similar question about the bill he said: "The bill will not be of any benefit. I think, for these people are not so badly off, nor will they better themselves if they have a chance. They work by the piece and will work until they drop in order to make a few more dollars. If they go into factories and work at regular hours they will take work home, and we will find the same state of affairs, only in a different form. I find that by giving the garments to contractors more can be got out of the people than if they employed them ourselves; besides, we don't have the bother of managing them. You can't change their habits and inclinations. I know these sweaters all get good pay; in fact, they get almost all the contractors' money, and they don't need to work if they don't want to."

The various labor unions have taken up the sweaters' cause, and great pressure has been brought to bear in order to have the bill passed. Now that it is in the governor's hands they hope he will speedily sign it and give the relief they ask.

AFTER suffering horribly for years from scrofula in its worst form, a young son of Mr. B. L. King, 700 Franklin street, Richmond, Va., was recently cured by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. No other medicine can approach this preparation as a cleanser of the blood.

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ALL FOR HARRISON.

Senator Hale Confirms the Story (The Maine would not accept the nomination under any circumstances).

New York, April 26.—The Herald's Washington correspondent sends to his paper: "Blaine is not a candidate; he is out."

This was the declaration made to-day by Senator Eugene Hale, of Maine, with the express understanding that it might be made public as coming from him. Senator Hale says that the Maine delegation will be for Harrison. He does not seem to have heard of ex-Speaker Reed as a presidential candidate, or even as a delegate at large to Minneapolis.

"For whom will the Maine delegation vote?" I asked.

"For Harrison without a doubt," was the reply.

"Will they be instructed?"

"No," replied the Senator. "We never instruct our delegates to presidential conventions. We never did when Mr. Blaine was a candidate. I do not think that any of the New England delegates are ever instructed, and doubt if any will be this year."

"The delegates would be for Blaine, I suppose, if he were a candidate?"

"Oh, yes, but Blaine is not a candidate; he is out."

"That is the general impression among his friends, is it not?"

"Yes," was the reply. "When he wrote his recent letter of declination, he meant it. He has abandoned all presidential ambitions. His health would not permit him to accept the nomination. He will never again be a candidate or allow the use of his name."

"He has been reported as saying that he would not accept a nomination for the presidency on a silver salver."

"Yes, I have heard that," said the Senator, "and I have no doubt he said it; it sounds like him."

"Will Harrison get all the delegates from New England?"

"I feel very sure of it," was the reply.

"With Blaine out, there is no other name mentioned in our part of the country."

THE POTTSVILLE VICTIMS.

All the Bodies Recovered but One—The Wreck Nearly Ended.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., April 26.—The bodies of three of those who were drowned at the Lytle Coal Company's works on Wednesday afternoon, last, were reached about 8 o'clock last evening, and five others, one of whom was John H. Zerby, were discovered during the night. This morning the rescuing party are still at work, searching for the ninth and last body in the inundated mine.

In all there were twelve men imprisoned in the mine: two of them, Dolby and Bell, were rescued alive; Buggy was found dead on Sunday; Zerby and seven Italians during the night, leaving one Italian unaccounted for as yet.

The coroner's inquest will hardly be held before the end of the week in order to give the worn-out colliery officials and employees an opportunity of obtaining needed rest, as some of the rescuers have been on almost constantly ever since the accident occurred last Wednesday.

The bodies of the unfortunate Italians will be buried in the cemetery attached to St. Vincent de Paul's Roman Catholic church. Sabella, the contractor, will be interred himself while his seven fellow countrymen will be put in one large pit.

WILLIAM ASTOR DEAD.

The Father of Mrs. J. Coleman Drayton and Worth Fifty Million Dollars.

New York, April 26.—A special to the Evening World from Paris says that William Astor died last night at the Hotel Liverpool. The cause was heart failure. Mr. Astor was the father of Mrs. J. Coleman Drayton and was greatly worried over the Borrowe-Milbank scandal in which she was involved.

Next to his nephew, William Waldorf Astor, and probably Jay Gould, William Astor was the richest citizen of America. His wealth was recently estimated at between \$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000, the greater part of which is invested in New York real estate.

Another Fight in Venezuela.

New York, April 26.—An Amaranabob, Venezuela, cablegram to the Herald states that the federalists have fought another battle with the government troops and again scored a victory. The fight occurred on the plains near Valencia, and this exactly suited the federalists, the majority of whom are lanciers. Details of the losses on both sides have not yet been received here, but the encounter is said to have been accompanied by the usual number of desertions from Palacio's ranks to those of the enemy.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

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GAY WHEELING GIRLS.

How Three Nall City School Misses Made a Trip Pleasant.

Washington, Pa., Journal.

It was a weary crowd of travelers which occupied the comfortable seats of the Baltimore & Ohio western express as it lay in the Pittsburgh station, Sunday night, and dozed away the time until the train should start away southward and westward. A dozen young men occupied the forward end of the car and inwardly criticised a little baby, whose plaintive wailings were the only sounds which broke the stillness of the car. Suddenly there was a rushing whirl of new dresses, and the gay chatter and laughter of giddy young girls, as three of them, attended by one youth, entered the car. They also seated themselves in the forward end of the car.

The girls were of the school-girl type, probably seventeen or eighteen years of age, groomed in natty style, and wearing the latest things in Easter millinery. All of them were pretty, with bright, piquant faces. The train started soon, just as though it had only been waiting for this acquisition to its complement. The youth went as far as Hazlewood and left the train.

The girls, left to their own devices, looked around for some amusement. Two callow youths occupied double seats across the aisle from them. The girls turned coy smiles and coquettish glances upon these young men, who returned them with interest. Still something was wrong. The boys seemed to lack the courage to take the final steps in making a felicitous acquaintance.

This was very unsatisfactory. At length, after ten or fifteen minutes out from Hazlewood, the train stopped and one of the boys went out to see the cause of the trouble. The gayest girl in the lay saw her chance and arose to the emergency. She walked over and sat down in the seat vacated by the young man, and opposite his companion. Some time began to stir in the car. A moment later the young fellow entered the car again. The girl pointed out the vacant seat by the side of one of her companions. The youth was dumfounded for a minute, but dropped into the seat. Then there was animation in that car; nobody was sleepy. It dawned on the crowd that a "match" had been made, and that the girls had done the mashing. A low whistle ran around the car followed by a general laugh. The gamey girl turned a saucy face to the crowd, giving a knowing smile and wink. She then turned to the young man in front of her and began to examine him as to his residence and so on which questions the young man answered as though he were in the hands of a train robber. He proved dry, though, and before ten minutes had passed, the game girl had left him and was talking to his friend and her girl companions. The young fellow "was out of it."

The girls were from Wheeling, and when the Journal man left the train, the party seemed to be having a jolly time, except the young man who was tongue-tied.

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